

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A headphone apparatus wherein a baffle portion formed to surround a space except a front opening portion of a driver unit and/or a back housing portion formed to cover the back surface of said driver unit is formed using an air-permeable porous material.

Claim 2 (Original): A headphone apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said baffle portion is approximately cone-shaped.

Claim 3 (Original): A headphone apparatus according to claim 1, wherein an opening is made in the back surface of said back housing.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A headphone apparatus according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein chemical fiber unwoven fabric is used as said air-permeable porous material.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A headphone apparatus according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein cellulose based material is used as said air-permeable porous material.

Claim 6 (Original): A headphone apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said driver unit is provided in a bridge portion shaped like an arch forming a bridge to a rim which forms a frame.

Claim 7 (Original): A headphone apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the cone shape of said baffle portion is asymmetrical with respect to the axis of the cone.

Claim 8 (Original): A headphone apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said chemical fiber unwoven fabric is combined with a porous material such as cloth through an air-permeable adhesive layer to stabilize the shape thereof.

Claim 9 (Original): A headphone apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said cellulose based material is combined with a porous material such as cloth through an air-permeable adhesive layer to stabilize the shape thereof.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A headphone apparatus according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein a microphone device is attached to said headphone apparatus.